Depot Town Rag

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and other strictly local stuff. . . .

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Icons still predominate on this old block

Most of the sign boards in this commercial district are filled with words and letters, but it wasn't always that way. The dentist hung a large wooden tooth outside the office window, the shoemaker hoisted a giant boot, and the optometrist posted pipe-fashioned spectacles in front of his place of business.

Many of Depot Town's businesses follow that same pattern of image-enhancing in their advertising, billing, business cards, and other means of commercial communications. An image of a building, a coffee cup, an old car, dolls, Marilyn Monroe, or a 100-year-old caboose; they all stand for some aspect of a thriving business interest on this block.

How many of the logotypes above can you identify with the local business? Skim these pages and take the test....

"IMAGES OF THE PAST"
Is the theme for the
1995 YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL
18,19, 20 August

A short history of Frog Island

-from the Frog Island Festival Program Book

First there was no island. Then there was almost an island. Finally, there was no hint of an island at all. Still, the several acre plot that Ypsi-lanti's historic Depot Town calls its back yard has been called Frog Island for as long as anyone in the neighborhood can remember.

Back in 1820 Mark Norris built a saw mill here to prepare lumber from the Michigan Territory for the building of homes in the newly founded Ypsilanti, the second oldest incorporation in what would become the State of Michigan. He cut a sluiceway (see photo below) across the flood plain to power his saw mill and in the 1830s cut another from it for the Dreubell Flour Mill which stood where today's Teachers Shop is found on East Cross Street.

Local lore has it that folks hanging around the railroad district often became disoriented in their use of time and used "a frog hunting expedition on the island" as their alibi when they returned home the next morning. Just about every kid who's grown up in the neighborhood thinks he or she named the place, due to their own frog hunting experiences there during their 'salad' days.

Over the years, the sluice was filled with debris from the railroads, but a current still moves through the buried trench and can barely be seen exiting into the river below the old pedestrian bridge at the south entrance.

In the 1920s, Ypsilanti High School used Frog Island as its athletic field since it was only a block from the in-t0wn school building. Electric lights were installed for night games and a cinder track was developed. Tennis courts were built at the north end.

A WPA project installed a large levee along the perimeter next to the Huron River protecting the playing field from the annual spring flooding. The banks provided excellent seating for events, too. It was a natural stadium/amphitheater.

In the 1970's, a new high school was built out in the township and the school district sold Frog Island to the Ciy of Ypsilanti to develop as a park. In the 1980s the City connected Frog Island, Riverside Park and Depot Town with a Y-shaped bridge, sometimes called a 'tridge,' adding another link in what will one day be a continuous riverside park and trail system through City and Townships.

In 1982, the Depot Town Association and WEMU, the campus public radio station, staged the first Frog Island Jazz Festival in that location. There were subtle name changes ever since: The Frog Island Tent Jazz Festival, The Frog Island Blues and Jazz Festival, The Frog Island Zydeco Blues and Jazz Festival, *ad infinitum*. Whatever it was called, jazz musicians and fans found the name to be synonymous with good music in a good place.

In 1991 the City of Ypsilanti erected steel signs officially designating the park as "Frog Island," proving that those kids had been right all along!

When it really was an island:
Looking south from the sluiceway toward the back end of the Freighthouse and Cross Street.

FROG ISLAND FESTIVAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 23, 24, 25 Rain or Shine

Friday, 23 June
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- Charlie Gabriel's New Orleans Jazz Band
- Al Rapone Zydeco Xpress
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Dateline: Depot Town

A Neighborhood Forgotten by Time (and Life and Newsweek)

Welcome to a festival of Zydeco, Jazz, Cajun, Gospel, Blues, Brazilian, Caribbean and more... ...down by the Huron River in Depot Town

No matter the weather, the crowd will know that summer has finally arrived when they participate in the 1995 Frog Island Festival.

The Frog Island Festival is akin to a huge neighborhood picnic accompanied by some of the world's best music. There's no assigned seating; blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets and thermoses are welcome. (Sorry; no cans, bottles or kegs allowed.) There will be a cash bar selling beer, wine, wine coolers, pop and juices.

A stunning variety of creative food booths will serve up hamburgers and hot dogs; barbequed ribs, chicken and pork; New Orleans style gumbo, jambalaya and broiled crawfish; pizza, vegetarian cuisine, ice cream and other gastronomical niceties guaranteed to tempt your palate.

The historic Depot Town district has been wide open for the past 160 years, but this weekend will see Frog/Jazz/Green specials at the antique shops, ice cream parlors, taverns and charming specialty shops. Saturday morning will see the year 'round, twice-a-week Farmers' Market in the century-old Freighthouse, right between Frog Island and the railroad tracks.

Scores of volunteers from The Ark are on hand to make this a pleasant and memorable weekend for folks who really like to listen to good music. At Frog Island you'll find warm and attentive audiences who applaud solos, recognize old performers, and welcome new artists on the musical scene. Frog Island has been known over the decade as one of the most appreciative crowds in the contemporary and traditional music scene. Not only are the artists making history; so is the audience!

Welcome to the second decade in a neighborhood where everybody is helping to make history. Welcome back to the 'good old days.' - The Depot Town Association, Inc.
Tom Steele, president

Jazz notes read "like a medley of simile and metaphor..."

Program interviews for the June 23-25 Frog Island Festival reveal a wide and varied vocabulary for describing the fine music that goes on from that lively stage. In addition to the usual banner of "Zydeco, Jazz, Cajun, Gospel, Blues, Brazilian and Caribbean," the following terms were culled from interviews and reviews of the artists:

"Boogie," "salsa," "jive," "Afropop," "Afrisa," "sabor," "hkembe," "sebene," "rumba," "The Truth," "merengue," "sarcasm," " anarchy with a beat," "Creole," "gumbo," "funky," and "childlike."

Some program notes were in French, but loosely translatable. Most ticket holders agree, the language from the Frog Island stage will be universally understood by the thousands attending the outstanding musical event.

Green theme to hop down the block again for Frogfest

District merchants and saloon keepers are again testing their creativity to see how they can carry out the 'Green/Frog/Music' theme to accompany this month's Frog Island Festival. Past years have seen acres of green crepe paper ribbons, green balloons, ceramic frogs, musical reviews, and original music created for the early summer hype.

Whether it's special drink or food items, T-shirts with frogs embalzoned, cloissoné frog jewelry, goofy hats the kids made, or a stagnant pond diorama in the shop window, the homespun and sometimes corny designs often take as much thought and labor as in the days when these same folks were decorating for their high school prom.

One year, one of the eateries came up with frogs' legs on the menu, and neighborhood wags were able to accompany each order with lurid and spooky stories in the Charles Addams tradition.

Newest attraction this year is DTA's across-the-street banner with (what else?) green stuff.

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[**Corey case** continued]

in Hixson's lunch room with a stranger on the night before his body was found, they could not positively identify the body. Walter Sousa, chef, was in doubt that the man Connors and Miller thought was Corey was the man found dead. He said the man he saw in Hixson's restaurant had recently been shaved, and his mustache trimmed. The man identified at the morgue as Corey looked as though he had a three days' growth of beard and his mustache was long and not trimmed.

When James Hart, a barber, viewed the remains in the morgue he said he had shaved the man the day before.

Now, were there two men in Ypsilanti on that date, so closely resembling each other, that they cannot identify them, is the qustion?

Frank J. Miller testified that while in Hixson's lunch room he saw two men, one of whom resembled Corey, eating lunch. When Corey paid for it he gave a $20 bill, and he, Miller, saw at least three more bills of the same denomination, besides tens, fives, twos and ones...

...Edward Corey testified that it was his father's habit to hold money he had for particular purpose and not to touch that money until the entire amount was secured. He identified a watch chain, a hat and coat taken from the water, as belonging to his father...

...Bert J. Wright, employed by Corey, saw him at the boiler house at 7 o'clock Friday morning, and Leo Satchlewitz, a 15-year-old boy, testified he saw a man answering the description of Corey, going toward the paper mill between 3 and 4 o'clock Friday afternoon...

...The testimony of Daniel Gough, laborer, lent humor to what was otherwise a serious examination conducted by Coroner Burchfield.

"I was reading Friday night when Mrs. Newton, where I live 20 rods west of the paper mill, says to me: 'What's all that hollern about?'

"Says I to her, real joken like: 'It's only your old cat out in the back yard.'

"Says she to me: 'No it ain't, 'cause my cat's in the house.'

"Then, says I to her: 'It's your old dog then.'

"I stood at the door when I heard the last of the hollern, and says she to me: 'Some one is hurted over at the mill.'

"The cries was heart rendern."

These cries may have been Corey's death cries.

Several others testified ...

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 10 January 1908

Deputy Starks discards the foul play theory

• Believes Daniel Corey was "broke," leaving no motive for his murder

"There has been no arrest in the Daniel Corey case," said Deputy Sheriff Stark today in refutation of a rumor. "There is no likelihood of an arrest. I do not believe that Corey met with foul play."

The officer says that he finds no motive for murder."...

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 11 January 1908

Arrest possible in Corey case

• Inquest on Chelsea drain contractor is resumed this morning

• Oscar Lawrence, Robt. Hill and J.W. Clark give some interesting testimony

Arrests may be made this afternoon as a result of evidence adduced at the inquest ... conducted in Justice Gunn's office...

Oscar Lawrence, a local horse trader, testified that he met Corey early Thursday evening, Dec. 26, in the Occidental, and bought him a glass of beer. He claimed that this was the first time (he) had seen Corey. Lawrence said Corey was "hanging around," and as he didn't seem to be drinking and as he (Lawrence) was treating, he asked Corey to have something. He says Corey went out but he met him again between 10 and 11 o'clock in Clark's saloon. He bought him another drink, he says, and adds that Corey wanted him to go to work with his team on a drain Monday, offering him $3.50 a day. He said he and Corey left the saloon about the same time and he left Corey standing on the sidewalk. He said Corey was pretty well intoxicated.

Robert Hill, colored, testified that he overheard conversation between Lawrence and Corey in Clark's saloon. He corroborated Lawrence's story of Corey's attempting to hire him to go to work. He swore that Corey and Lawrence dickered about the sale of a team, but no deal was made. Lawrence denies that he talked with Corey about selling him a team. Hill says he rode home with Lawrence and that they left Corey standing on the walk.

J.W. Clark, saloonkeeper, testifed that Corey said he had one horse and and offered to get him another horse, Clark says.

"Lawrence, Hill and Corey left my place about the same time — closing time," said Mr. Clark. "Corey asked Lawrence for a ride, and Lawrence said: 'All right.' "

The testimony of Dr. E.A. Clark, of Ann Arbor ... occupied the court for more than an hour. His testimony was brought to a sudden close by Coroner Burchfield demanding to know in plain, straightforward English what was his opinion as to the cause of Corey's death.

"He died from asphyxia," said the doctor.

"What does that mean?" inquired coroner.

"The man stopped breathing."

Jurors and spectators laughed...

The Ypsilanti Daily Press, 13 January 1908

Offers reward for murder

• Sheriff Sutton will pay $200 upon conviction of Corey's slayer

...The coroner's jury last Saturday brought in the following versidict:

"That Daniel Corey came to his death between 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 31, by being fouly dealt with and rendered unconscious by a blow on the head and was afterwards thrown into the flume of the Peninsula Paper Mills, just outside Ypsialnti city, by some person or persons unknown to this jury."

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 16 January 1908

Corey's slayer still unfound

• The county officials have grouches and petty strife take their attention

...sheriff and prosector seem to be accomplishing little toward a solution of this crime ... It is a shame and a disgrace that a man, whose chief fault was an indulgent love for strong drink, should be murdered in our midst and his death passed over almost as easily would that of a dog.

The Ypsilantian, 10 August 1911

Claims he knows who killed Corey

Oscar Lawrence and his past are again brought under public scrutiny by Henry F. Miller, the same man who was instrumental in landing him in his present lodging-place, Jackson prison.

...Miller went to see his children who are with their mother, who is divorced from Miller. Incidentally, he told his former wife that she would probably never see him again. Miller has been friendly with Mabel Lawrence, the wife of Oscar, and Oscar, it is alleged, has threatened to kill him when released from prison. It therefore seemed expedient to Miller to leave these parts. Yet he was not averse to dealing Oscar another blow, for he told Mrs. Miller that Mrs. Lawrence had told him a very important thing; namely, that it was Oscar Lawrence and Grant Klein who had killed and robbed Dan Corey who was found dead near the Peninsular Paper mill three years ago. He told Mr. Miller that on Monday night, after he had left town, she might go to Marshal Gage and tell him what he had told her.

However, Mrs. Miller did not wait until Monday to avail herself of his permission, having an end of her own to serve. She wanted money of her former husband to help care for their children, and a way to obtain it was now suggested to her. She therefore went over the see Marshal Gage Sunday night and told him all she knew. Consequently Deputy Sheriff Hipp was dispatched into the country and met Miller as he was coming into town with his luggage, ready to take the train.

Miller was taken to Marshal Gage's office and Mrs. Miller was sent for.... He paid down fifty dollars to help take care of the children. Also he had to pay for the costs which had been involved in the Deputy Sheriff's trip into the country...

...Miller was then allowed to go, with the promise that he would every two weeks let Marshal Gage know of his whereabouts.

It will be recalled that, at the time of the murder at the mill, this Kline family lived on Railroad street. Mrs. Kline is Oscar Lawrence's sister.

When the murdered man was discovered, his head was wrapped up in a little dress, such as a child of five might have worn. This dress was recognized as one which had been given the Kline family by a lady belonging to a charitable organization in this city. This lady however refused to swear that the dress was the very one which she had given Mrs. Kline and, therefore, although the evidence was extremely damaging, Kline and Lawrence were not held for the murder. Another fact which had been suspicious was that the murdered man was last seen in Oscar Lawrence's rig going towards Kline's house. Also, whereas before this occurrance, the Kline's lad had to be helped by charity, after the date of the murder they appeared to have plenty of money. However the evidence was not considered sufficiently binding to convict the men and they were not held.

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Blossoms bounteous on the block!

Every stroller on the street has commented on the blooms up and down East Cross and North River Streets and there is talk of still more flowers to come as we are well into the planting and growing season. Thanks to our friends and neighbors, the beds, pots, planters and even the streetside '[bunkers' are festive with color and scent.

Unique, this year, is the painted flower basket on the door step to Remington/Walker Design Associates, a truly unusual way to show off their expertise with such media. Some folks try not to step on the art work, but it's not necessary to be so careful, say those who know the practicality of such decoration.

No one need feel left out of this project, however. If you missed the planting bees, you can still join in on the watering and weeding. As the African shaman said, "It takes a whole village to raise a good flower bed!" Or was that something kids? Anyway, it works down in Depot Town ... and everybody can say they have a garden; even us City Kids.

Thanks for the blossoms, neighbors!

Minutes of the 18 May 1995:

• **Minutes of April** approved as published.

• ***Rag* Report:** Many interested parties gave their thoughts on the situation of *The Rag*. It was agreed to continue to publish The Rag until January 1996. The motion to continue *The Rag* will be revisited in November. In the meantime, ways to financially support *The Rag* will be entertained. Any suggestions?

• **DDA:** A recent vote by the members of the DDA designates the split of funds to be 70% for long-term projects and 30% for immediate needs. The next DDA meeting will have a report by a subcommittee on suggestions for the use of said funds.

• **Events:** Frog Island Festival is fast approaching. DTA approved $100 for insurance for hanging of the Festival banner.

New Business:

• **The Ypsilanti *Courier*** made a presentation to the DTA regarding the proposal of a monthly Depot Town half-page. The proposal states that the paper would entertain suggestions for monthly topics. In exchange for the articles on Depot Town, the DTA would be responsible for the remaining half page in advertising. A proposal was made to inquire of the Ann Arbor *News*/Ypsilanti *Press* edition as to what they may propose.

Unfinished Business:

• **Suggestions for revisions of DTA bylaws** were presented. Any further suggestions or input are appreciated. Have them sent to Sidetrack, deadline is 5/26.

• **Next meeting** to be held 15 June 1995 at 7:30 P.M. at Renewed Interest Antiques.

• **Best Yet Award:** To the Daily Grind. Although the coffee shop closed the end of May, it will be fondly remembered by the people it served.

• **Golden Goose:** A big raspberry to the laws that project the rights of criminals without at least equal rights to the victims. Readers, get involved in local politics and put some energy into changing the negative.

Rag to continue for another seven months

May's meeting of the Depot Town Association saw a presentation by Jim Kise of *The Courier* for a possible newspaper-page-size version of this block's news on a monthly basis. After due consideration and a hard look at DTA's budget item for printing in the current medium, the membership agreed to continue the monthly publication in its present format for the next seven months.

Bi-monthly issues were also considered, but members voted to dip into the DTA general fund rather than change or adopt anything like true fiscal reform.

The good turn-out at May's meeting was certainly not due to the typo-free respectability of this little paper, but the editor hopes to see all those folks turn out again in December when we'll probably be broke again. Just about everybody on the block knows the term "rag" means a newspaper put out by non-professionals. That's us.

Meanwhile, watch these pages for new and renewed commitment on the part of our sponsors. And tell the folks whose ads you see here that you appreciate their support for this effort. This is our two-hundred and twentieth consecutive issue.

Metaphors abound

Last month's idea of folding up *The Depot Town Rag* like an issue *Ypsi Press* of a year ago brought up the concept of merging with the Ypsilanti *Courier*. Mixed reaction ricocheted up and down the block:

"I remember when the Packard Motor Car Company merged with Studebaker. Where are they now?"

- Probably Owned a Hudson, II

"It would be like two drunks helping each other cross the street!"

- James Thomas Mann

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Nominations are in order...

... for DTA's Annual Election Meeting in September. Judy Monaghan (485-4851) seeks members to serve on the nominating committee. Nominations are for the offices of President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Members may nominiate themselves or other members.

Next year's officers will serve with David French, this year's President Elect.

Meanwhile, a review of DTA's bylaws is taking place and recommendations may be made up to that same Annual Meeting for changes therein.

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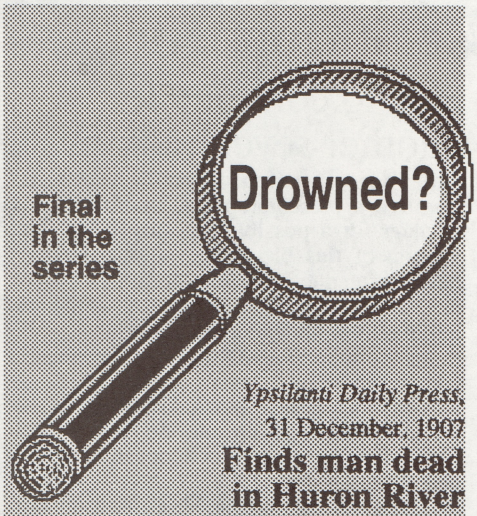

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 31 December, 1907

Finds man dead in Huron River

• Dan Corey, Chelsea ditcher, has deep gash on his forehead
• Coroner Burchfiled calls jury and starts a rigid investigation

While workmen were clearing anchor ice from the racks at the race of the Peninsula Paper Co.'s mill, J.B. Prior discovered the body of a man in the mill race. It was identified as that of Dan Corey, a ditcher, of Chelsea. A deep gash, two inches in length, on his forehead, gave rise to a slight suspicion of foul play.

Coroner Burchfield of Ann Arbor was summoned and the body was removed to the morgue of Mack & Mack. There it was identified by a former neighbor of Corey.

Corey was last employed, it is said, on the Hamilton ditch, a mile and a half east of Ypsilanti. He had been in Ypsilanti the last few days, is said to have been drinking freely and seemed to have considerable money. It is told that this was his first spree in three years.

Dr. R.A. Clifford, upon request of the coroner, performed a postmortem, and it is said the condition of the lungs indicated that the man was unconscious or dead before he reached the water. He may have been rendered unconscious by striking his head when he fell.

Coroner Burchfield impaneled a jury, which viewed the remains and then was adjourned until further call. Coroner Burchfield says that Corey was seen in Ypsilanti yesterday morning, and he will endeavor to account for his whereabouts since that time. It will depend upon the evidence gathered whether an inquest will be held...

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 2 January 1908

Police search for stranger

• They fail to locate man last seen with Corey, who was found dead Tuesday
• They were in Hixson's Restaurant at 4:30 Monday afternoon - last seen of Corey alive

The local police force spent New Year's day in a fruitless search for clues ...

The police theory is that Corey was murdered for his money and that the murderer must have been well acquainted with Corey's habits. They base this belief on the knowledge that the contractor carried in his person at all times about $1000 in cash and that it was his custom to keep this in an inside pocket of his vest. No one would be likely to know of Corey's habits, they argue, except some one who was well acquainted with him.

Corey was around town with a stranger Monday. The two had several drinks together and when last seen, about 4:30 o'clock in the after noon, they were on apparently inimate terms. At that hour they were in Hixson's restaurant, where Corey paid for supper for both and to do so took from his pocket his wallet and displayed several bills. He changed a $20 bill to pay for the meal.

This stranger is only vaguely remembered by the attendants in the restaurant. Their recollection of him is that he was a rough looking fellow, about 35 years old, and wore a derby hat and an overcoat. He was smooth shaven.

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 3, January 1908

Daniel Corey's watch found

• He sold it on Friday for 50 cents - is not regarded as clue
• Police searched in vain for short, stocky, red-faced man, said to have been seen with contractor

The police are still in th dark regarding the identity of the murder of Daniel Corey.

His watch, which was missing when he was found in the river, has been discovered. Chief of Police Gage said that the timepiece had been located, but refused to give the name of the man who had it, saying that the watch had been purchased from Corey Friday afternoon. The chief said that Corey had sold it for 50 cents, intending to buy it back in a few days for $1.

"The man who had the watch can not be connected with the crime in any way," said Chief Gage, "so there's no use in giving out his name. He is an honest man, and volunteered the information in regards to the watch."

Sheriff Dan Sutton, of Ann Arbor, was in Chelsea yesterday, working on the murder theory. He, with Deputy Frank Leach, went to Corey's home and found that he had $176 Sunday. Monday, Corey went to Ypsilanti. This was the last time that anyone remembered seeing him here.

Sheriff Sutton said: "There is no question in my mind but that Mr. Corey met with foul play. Everything points that way. He was last seen with a short, stocky, red-faced man, and it is this man that the police of Washtenaw county are trying to find. It is the only clue that we have."

The cook at Hixson's says he could identify the man, who was in the restaurant with Corey, if he saw him.

Chelsea, Mich, Jan. 3. - The funeral of Dan Corey, the drain contractor murdered at Ypsilanti was held yesterday from the Catholic church ...

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 7 January 1908

Evidence of Corey's murder

• Bloody clothing is found by officers in flume at Peninsular Paper Co. mill

Futher indications that Daniel Corey, the Chelsea drain contractor, met with foul play in Ypsilanti, was developed by Justice Gunn and Deputy Sheriff Stark who conducted an investigation at the Peninsular Paper mill last Monday afternoon.

They found a black hat similar to the one Corey is said to have wore, with the initials, "J.D.C." inside the band.

A rake dropped in the flume brought up a child's coat covered with blood. Then they fished out a child's dress, which was bloodier than the coat, and both had evidently been around the murdered man's head. When the body was found a piece of carpet was about one of Corey's legs.

The carpet was of a kind used in the mill. The garments found in the flume were taken from a pile in the storeroom, where they were kept for wiping the machinery.

William Irvings, employed at the paper mill, works nights in the pulp room. That night he had occasion to go to the stockroom, about 100 yards away, for stock. He heard a slight noise like something being dragged along and turned on the lights, but could see nothing. While in the elevator he again heard the noise. Later he saw places where something had been dragged.

Entrance to the stockroom, where the garments came from, and to the flume, is only from the outside.

Leo Satchiewitz,, a boy, was at the Michigan Central round house when a man, answering the description of the one last seen with Corey, entered to get warm. The man asked many questions, particularly about what the police were doing. He frightened the boy and told him that Corey had $176 that day, but only $40 when killed. It is believed that this man was connected with the tragedy.

Chelsea, Mich. Jan. 7 — The body of Daniel Corey, murder victim, is to be exhumed ...

Ypsilanti Daily Press, 9 January 1908

"Cries was heart rendern"

• Daniel Gough's testimony caused smiles at Dan Corey inquest
• No evidence to clear up mystery of Chelsea man's death was devopled

Although more than a dozen witnesses testified at the coroner's inquest Wednesday afternoon no evidence was developed to throw light on how Daniel Corey, the Chelsea drain contractor found dead Dec. 31 in the flume at the Peninsular paper mill, came to his death. The inquest will be resumed at 9 a.m. Saturday in Justice Gunn's office.

Dr. R.A. Clifford, of this city, was sworn. He declared that Corey did not come to his death by drowning, that there was no water in his lungs. The doctor said that the condition of the lungs as found would be possible when a man fell into the river in a comatose condition and died from asphyxiation, but even in that case there would still be signs of drowning. He said that although the blow did not break the skull, it caused an abrasion of the brain. He said the wound could not have been self-inflicted.

Alfred Gilbert, a Chelsea teamster, told of Corey showing him $176 Dec. 22, with which he said he intended to buy a team in Ypsilanti. As he left the witness stand he said he might tell more if he wanted to, but on cross examination nothing new developed, with the exception that Corey had some trouble at home, and wanted to stay at Gilbert's Tuesday night before Christmas. He was given the permission but did not go back to his home and they never saw him again.

Though John Connors and Frank Miller think they saw Corey [Continued on page 3]

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